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SUBJ: ROK DELEGATION TO IPU COUNCIL MEETING

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1. FOLLOWING IS ROK PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO IPU COUNCIL
MEETING SCHEDULED FOR BUCHAREST IN MID-APRIL:

PARK CHUN KYU (DRP), CHAIRMAN;

MUN TAE CHUN (DRP);

KIM HYONG IL (NDP);

KANG SANG-UK (IND);

AND KIM MYONG WHAI (YUCHONGHUE).

2. ROK AMBASSADOR TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA HWANG
HO-UL WILL ALSO GO TO BUCHAREST AS FOREIGN MINISTRY "CONSULTANT"
AND THERE WILL BE TWO ASSEMBLY STAFF MEMBERS ACCOMPANYING DELEGAT-
ION. AMBASSADOR HWANG HAS ALREADY RECEIVED VISA. IN ADDITION, ROK/
CIA OFFICIAL WITH ACADEMIC BACKGROUND IN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS HAS BEEN
SECONDED TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY STAFF AND WILL ACCOMPANY DELEGATION.

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(PARK CHUN KYU INDICATED THAT INCLUSION OF CIA/REP WAS AT THE

PARLIAMENTARY GROUP'S REQUEST, NOT A ROK/CIA OPERATION.) THREE NEWSMEN HAVE ALSO APPLIED FOR VISAS TO BUCHAREST.

3. DELEGATION CHAIRMAN PARK CHUN KYU HAS TOLD EMBASSY THAT ROK DELEGATION IS USING OCCASION OF IPU MEETING IN BUCHAREST TO ATTEMPT TO VISIT MOSCOW AND WARSAW (REFTEL) AS WELL AS ANY OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN CAPITAL THEY CAN GET INTO. PARK SAID THAT VISAS FOR ROMANIA ARE EXPECTED IMMINENTLY BUT THAT NO WORD HAS YET BEEN RECEIVED FROM SOVIET OR POLISH EMBASSIES IN TOKYO RE REQUEST FOR "TRANSIT VISAS." PARK INDICATED THAT ROKG IS MILDLY ENCOURAGED BY FACT BOTH SOVIET AND POLISH EMBASSIES HAVE ACCEPTED APPLICATION FOR VISAS IN "AMICABLE MANNER."

4. PARK INDICATED THAT, IF ALLOWED TO VISIT MOSCOW AND WARSAW, PARLIAMENTARY GROUP PLANS TO ADOPT VERY LOW POSTURE. VISIT TO TWO COMMUNIST CAPITALS WOULD BE PART OF GENERAL ROKG EFFORT TO ESTABLISH POINTS OF CONTACT AND DELEGATION HAS NO INTENTION OF ATTRACTING UNDUE PUBLICITY WHICH WOULD JEOPARDIZE THE DEVELOPMENT OF FURTHER CONTACTS.

5. IF ROK GROUP UNABLE TO GET VISAS ON WAY TO BUCHAREST, PARK SAID THEY WILL TAKE MATTER UP WITH SOVIET AND OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN IPU DELEGATIONS AT MEETING TO SEE IF AT LEAST PARK AND KIM HYONG IL, THE OPPOSITION PARTY MEMBER, WOULD BE ALLOWED TO RETURN VIA MOSCOW OR OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN CAPITAL.

6. IN DEALING WITH NORTH KOREANS AT IPU COUNCIL MEETING, PARK INDICATED THAT ROK GROUP'S APPROACH WILL BE "RELAXED" AND FORTHCOMING. THEY WILL EXTEND SOCIAL INVITATIONS AND ACCEPT ANY THAT NORTH KOREANS MAY WISH TO OFFER. FURTHER, PARK SAID THAT HE PLANS TO TAKE UP AGAIN INITIATIVE WHICH HE MADE AT LAST IPU MEETING. AT THAT TIME, PARK SUGGESTED TO NORTH KOREAN COUNTERPART THAT ROK PARLIAMENTARY GROUP MIGHT RETURN FROM BUCHAREST MEETING VIA MOSCOW TO PYONGYANG AND THEN TO SEOUL THRU PANMUNJOM. PARK SAID HE FULLY EXPECTED NORTH KOREANS TO REJECT THIS PROPOSAL BUT BELIEVES IT WILL KEEP THEM ON DEFENSIVE.

7. PARK INDICATED THAT ROK DELEGATION AWARE DESIRABILITY OF APPEARING INDEPENDENT OF USG AND GROUP DID NOT PLAN APPROACH EMBASSY BUCHAREST. HOWEVER, PARK ASKED THAT WE INFORM OUR EMBASSY IN BUCHAREST.

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AREST OF ROK DELEGATION PRESENCE IN EVENT THEY HAVE TO CONTACT EMBASSY FOR POME UNFORSEEN REASON. WE AGREED TO DO SO.

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